

Additional Indications (Form PCT/RO/134)

Statement regarding the "expert option"

Deposited microorganisms:

DSMZ 12712

With respect to the deposited microorganism set out on Form(s) PCT/RO/134 we request the so-called expert option:

Until the publication of the mention of grant of a European patent or, where applicable, for twenty years from the date of filing if the application has been refused, withdrawn or deemed withdrawn, a sample of the deposited microorganism is only to be provided to an independent expert nominated by the person requesting the sample (cf. Rule 28(4) EPC). And as far as Australia is concerned, the expert option is likewise requested, reference being had to Regulation 3.25 of Australia Statutory Rules 1991 No 71. Also, for Canada we request that only an independent expert nominated by the Commissioner is authorized to have access to a sample of the microorganism deposited.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/DK 00/00111

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: C12N 9/88 // (C12N 009/88, C12R 001:01), C11D 003/386
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: C12N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	EP 0870834 A1 (KAO CORPORATION), 14 October 1998 (14.10.98) --	1-20
X	WO 9727290 A1 (NOVO NORDISK A/S), 31 July 1997 (31.07.97), page 19 - page 23 --	1-20

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